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Applicant: DEAN, Frank W.

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Title: Plant Seeds Treated with N, N'-
Substituted Ureas

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§ Group Art Unit: 1621
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§ Examiner: KUMAR, Shailendra

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Walter R. Brookhart

Dear Sir:

Applicant files this Response and Election to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004. This Response is due October 20, 2004, and is, therefore, timely.

Election

Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group II, i.e., Claims 29 – 33 directed to seeds which have been treated by the disclosed diacyl ureas, including diformylurea. Those diacyl ureas include the reaction products of Claims 7 – 10 which form Group I of the restriction requirement. It has been found that seeds treated by these products produce superior plant growth.

Applicant makes the provisional election herein with traverse.

Remarks

The Examiner has asserted that this application includes claims directed to different inventions defined as Group I, including Claims 7 – 10 directed to reaction